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Acting Asst. Surg. John Frick, who had been detailed for duty at Mariel during the quarantine of the *Kilpatrick*, was ordered to return to this station, and arrived here on December 27.

I have the honor to transmit herewith weekly report of baggage disinfected by the barge *Protector*, and also the usual mortality table for the period covered by this report.

Respectfully,

G. M. GUITÉRAS,

Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Inclosure No. 1.]

Report of baggage disinfected at Havana by the barge Protector for the week ended December 30, 1899.

HAVANA, CUBA, January 2, 1900.

Date.	Name of steamer.	Destination.	Baggage.			Total.
			Trunks.	Valises.	Parcels.	
Dec. 25...	Mascotte	Tampa.....	5	8	3	16
Dec. 26...	Miami	Miami.....	0	4	0	4
Dec. 27...	Olivette	Tampa.....	15	22	11	48
	Total	20	34	14	68

I certify that the above report is correct.

G. W. GUITÉRAS,

Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

[Inclosure No. 2.]

Mortality table at Havana for the week ended December 30, 1899.

HAVANA, CUBA, January 2, 1900.

Diseases—	Deaths.
Tuberculosis	18
Enteritis.....	9
Pneumonia.....	10
Yellow fever	3
Diphtheria	2
Malarial.....	1
Enteric	1
Total deaths, all causes.....	112

Reports from Matanzas, Cardenas, Isabela de Sagua, and Caibarien.

MATANZAS, CUBA, January 2, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to submit herewith the following report of the quarantine district under my command for the week ended December 30, 1899:

Matanzas.—Nineteen deaths occurred in the city of Matanzas during the period covered by this report, showing a mortality of 24.80 per thousand. The principal causes of death were as follows: Malarial fever, 8; tuberculosis, 1; yellow fever, 1; typhoid fever, 1; other causes, 8. The following cases of an infectious character were reported: Measles, 6; diphtheria, 1. Four vessels were inspected on arrival. Four bills of health were issued to foreign vessels. Eleven health certificates were issued, 4 of these to persons leaving the island via Havana. Nine pieces of baggage were inspected and passed. As to the case of yellow fever reported on December 29, 1899, in Private John Butz, Second United States Cavalry, and who died at the United States

military hospital, I have been unofficially informed that the patient contracted the disease at the hospital itself.

Cardenas.—Acting Asst. Surg. Enrique Saez reports 21 deaths occurred in Cardenas during the week. The principal causes were as follows: Tuberculosis, 4; atresia, 3; meningitis, 3; enteritis, 3; heart disease, 1; other causes, 7. No cases of a particularly infectious or contagious character were reported. Thirteen vessels were inspected on arrival. Three of these were foreign and 10 were coasting vessels. Three bills of health were issued to foreign vessels.

Isabela de Sagua.—Acting Asst. Surg. Pedro Garcia Riera reports 3 vessels were inspected on arrival and 6 bills of health were issued to foreign vessels.

Caibarien.—Acting Asst. Surg. Bernardo Escobar reports that 4 deaths occurred in Caibarien during the week, all from general diseases. No cases of a particularly infectious or contagious character were reported. Seven vessels were inspected on arrival; 3 of these were foreign vessels and 4 coasting vessels. Three bills of health were issued to foreign vessels and 4 certificates of inspection to coasting vessels.

Respectfully,

FELIX GARCIA,

Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Report from Nuevitas.

NUEVITAS, CUBA, *December 26, 1899.*

SIR: I have the honor to submit the following report for the week ended December 23, 1899: Three vessels have arrived at this port and 5 bills of health have been issued. There have been 2 deaths. No infectious or contagious disease.

Puerto Padre reports 4 arrivals and 4 bills of health issued, with 3 deaths.

Report from Gibara is delayed.

I have heard nothing of the *Half Moon* since her arrival at Southport, N. C. I have written to a physician at Baracoa, asking if he desires the appointment as inspector at that port. The health of this port continues good and the weather is cool. There are about 100 colonists brought here by the Cuban Land and Steamship Company, camping out under unfavorable circumstances, but I hear of no sickness among them.

Respectfully,

OWEN W. STONE,

Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

DENMARK.

Treatment of certain diseases by concentrated light rays.

WASHINGTON, D. C., *January 2, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to inclose herewith for the information of the Supervising Surgeon-General of the Marine-Hospital Service copy of Advance Sheets of Consular Reports for December 29, 1899, containing a letter from the United States minister at Copenhagen on the subject of the treatment of diseases by concentrated light rays.

Respectfully,

JOHN HAY,

Secretary of State.

Hon. SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.